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VENOM!
CARNAGE!
DOPPLEGANGER!
DEMOGOBLIN!
DEATHLOK!

THINGS
GET EVEN
WILDER!

BAGS
+ 93
RE.

IN BROOKLYN, AT THE RUINS OF THE ST. ESTES HOME FOR BOYS, THE BLACK CAT'S PATIENCE COMES TO AN END!

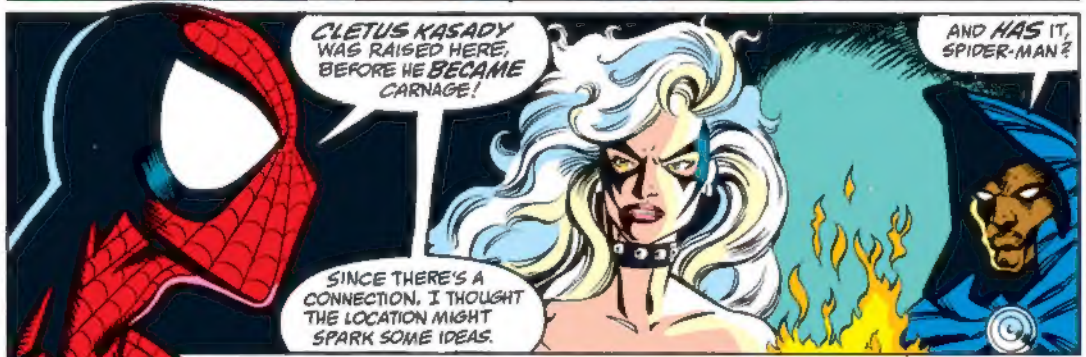
OKAY, SPIDER, COMING HERE WAS YOUR IDEA! SO--

--WHAT NOW?





I MEAN, WE WANT TO FIND **CARNAGE** AND HIS ROVING BAND OF PSYCHOS, RIGHT? SO WHAT THE HECK ARE WE DOING *HERE*?



CLETUS KASADY WAS RAISED HERE, BEFORE HE BECAME **CARNAGE**!

AND HAS IT, SPIDER-MAN?

SINCE THERE'S A CONNECTION, I THOUGHT THE LOCATION MIGHT SPARK SOME IDEAS.



JUST *MEMORIES*, CLOAK. **CARNAGE** LIVES TO BRING **CHAOS**, THINKS LAWS ARE JUST WORDS, TO BE IGNORED.

HE BELIEVES THAT **BLOODSHED** IS THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM!



AND NOW THAT HE HAS **SHRIEK**, **DEMOGOBLIN** AND THAT SIX-ARMED **DOPPELGÄNGER** ON HIS SIDE--

--THERE MAY BE NO STOPPING HIM!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT "NORMAL" PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO BE DRAWN INTO THE VIOLENCE--

--FORMING A MOB MENTALITY, LETTING THEIR BASE INSTINCTS TAKE OVER!

THE INSANITY MUST BE CUT OFF AT ITS ROOTS BEFORE IT SPREADS!

CARNAGE HAS APPARENTLY MUTATED, BUT HE **BEGAN** AS A SPAWN OF OUR SYMBIOTIC COSTUME--

-- AND MAY STILL POSSESS THE SAME **VULNERABILITIES!**

AND WE ALWAYS FOUND REED RICHARDS'S **SONIC GUN** RATHER... UNPLEASANT.

THEN, WHEN WE GET IT AT **FANTASTIC FOUR** HEADQUARTERS, WE CAN RECRUIT THE **HUMAN TORCH!** FIRE HURTS YOU, TOO, DOESN'T IT?

GOOD IDEA, BAD TIMING!

GOOD POINT, VENOM!

WAITASEC-- I'M **PRAISING** MY WORST **ENEMY**?!?

THE FF ARE OUT OF TOWN! THE **AVENGERS**, TOO. BUT **FIRESTAR** MIGHT BE A GOOD SUBSTITUTE!

FINDING HER COULD TAKE TIME, THOUGH.

I'LL GO.

WITH MY TELEPORTATION ABILITIES, I CAN SEARCH FOR HER MUCH QUICKER THAN ANY OF--

--YOU!

OH, MAN...

HEY-- NOW THAT I HAVE A SECOND TO THINK ABOUT IT... DOESN'T HE NEED **DAGGER** TO HELP HIM TELEPORT?

BUT-- SHE'S... DEAD...

...THE WAY THAT GUY TRAVELS MAKES **WEB-SWINGING** SEEM LIKE TAKING A CROSSTOWN **TURTLE!**

MOMENTS LATER, AS AN UNLIKELY
TRIO TRAVERSES MANHATTAN IN ITS
OWN UNIQUE MANNER...



WISH I'D HAD
TIME TO CALL
MARY JANE.

I MEAN, I KNOW
SHE DIDN'T TAKE ANY
SEVERE DAMAGE
AT THAT DANCE CLUB
BRAWL --

-- BUT THERE'S DANGER OF
MORE THAN PHYSICAL HARM
BEING DONE HERE!

A RIFT IS FORMING BETWEEN
WHAT MJ WANTS ME TO DO,
AND WHAT I HAVE TO DO!

I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO
PARTNER UP WITH A MURDERER
LIKE VENOM, BUT THIS IS BIGGER
THAN MY NEEDS OR MARY JANE'S!
NO MATTER WHAT THE COST --

-- WE HAVE
TO STOP
CARNAGE!



A SENTIMENT SHARED BY MICHAEL MORBIUS, THE LIVING VAMPIRE WHO HAS RECENTLY ALLIED HIMSELF WITH SPIDER-MAN'S CAUSE.

HE'S BEEN SENT TO RAVENCROFT ASYLUM ON A TASK BOTH VITAL--



-- AND FRAUGHT WITH UNEXPECTED COMPLICATIONS!

NO! HAVE TO IGNORE MY HUNGER! TONIGHT, BLOOD ISN'T THE ANSWER!



THE WOMAN CALLED SHRIEK IS PSYCHOTIC; IN HER OWN WAY, AS DANGEROUS AS CARNAGE HIMSELF!

BUT LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HER, SAVE THAT SHE ESCAPED FROM THIS INSTITUTION!



AND IN A WAR SUCH AS THIS, KNOWLEDGE CAN BE A POWERFUL WEAPON!



AH.

Patient File #6309564
Sandra Deel; alias SHRIEK

PRINTING A HARD COPY WILL TAKE ONLY SECONDS, BUT GETTING IT TO MY ALLIES WILL HAVE TO WAIT! I MUST RETURN TO MY HYPERBARIC CHAMBER, AND SOON!

FOR IT'S ALMOST--



---Dawn, as New York's METROPOLITAN MUSEUM plays host to some UNAUTHORIZED VISITORS.

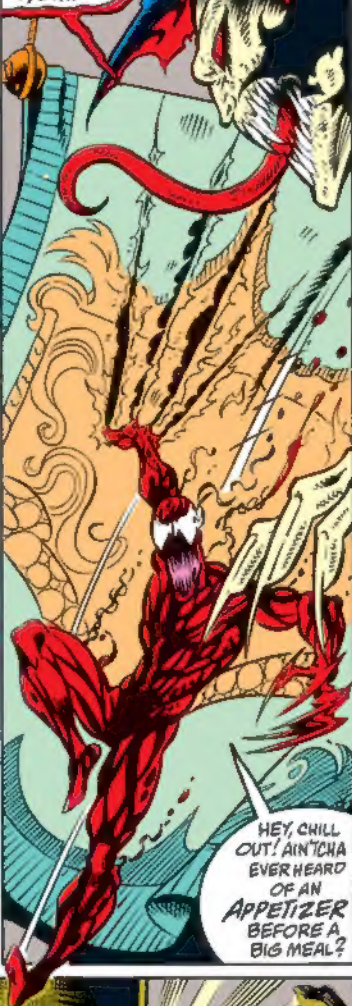


I AGREED TO JOIN YOU BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THERE'D BE SINNERS TO KILL! BUT THIS MINDLESS DESTRUCTION HAS NO MEANING!



THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, DEMOGoblin!

BUT YOUR PROMISE, CARNAGE! WHERE ARE OUR UNRIGHT-
EOUS VICTIMS?



HEY, CHILL OUT! AIN'TCHA EVER HEARD OF AN APPETIZER BEFORE A BIG MEAL?

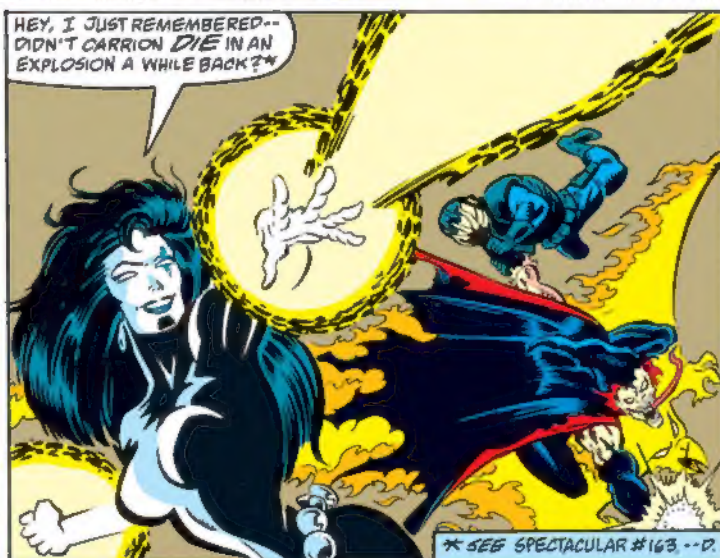


DOPPELGANGER AN' SHRIEK ARE HAVIN' A GRAND OL' TIME! SO GET INTO THE SPIRIT, WILL YA?

THE PARTY'S JUST STARTIN'!!









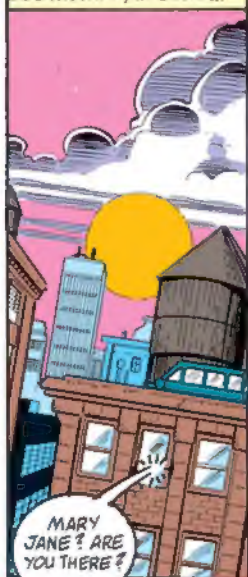
WHO KNOWS--
AN' WHO CARES?

AS LONG
AS HE KEEPS
DRIVIN' THE
BODY COUNT
UP--

--I SAY
HE'S ONE
OF US!



SLOWLY, THE SLAUGHTER
DRAWS TO A CLOSE; WHILE
SOUTHWARD, IN SOHO...



MARY
JANE? ARE
YOU THERE?

IT'S LIZ-- LIZ OSBORN,
FROM DOWNSTAIRS. WE
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE
TO HAVE BREAKFAST
WITH--



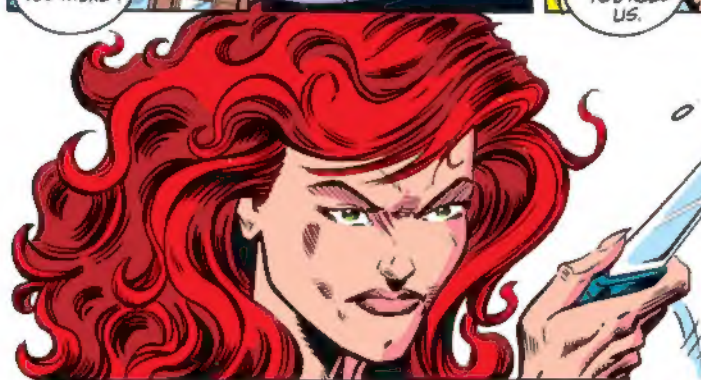
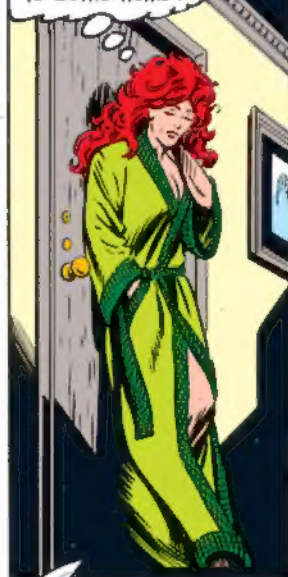
NO!

I... I'M SORRY, LIZ.
I WAS OUT LATE LAST
NIGHT. I JUST NEED
TO REST. OKAY?



WELL...
CALL US IF
YOU NEED
US.

WHAT I NEED
IS FOR PETER
TO COME HOME!



HE SWORE
HE'D GIVE UP BEING
SPIDER-MAN
FOR A WHILE--

-- BUT INSTEAD HE'S
OUT FIGHTING THE WAVE
OF BIZARRE VIOLENCE
THAT'S SWEEPING THE
CITY! WHICH LEAVES
ME, THE HERO'S WIFE--

--ON MY
OWN!

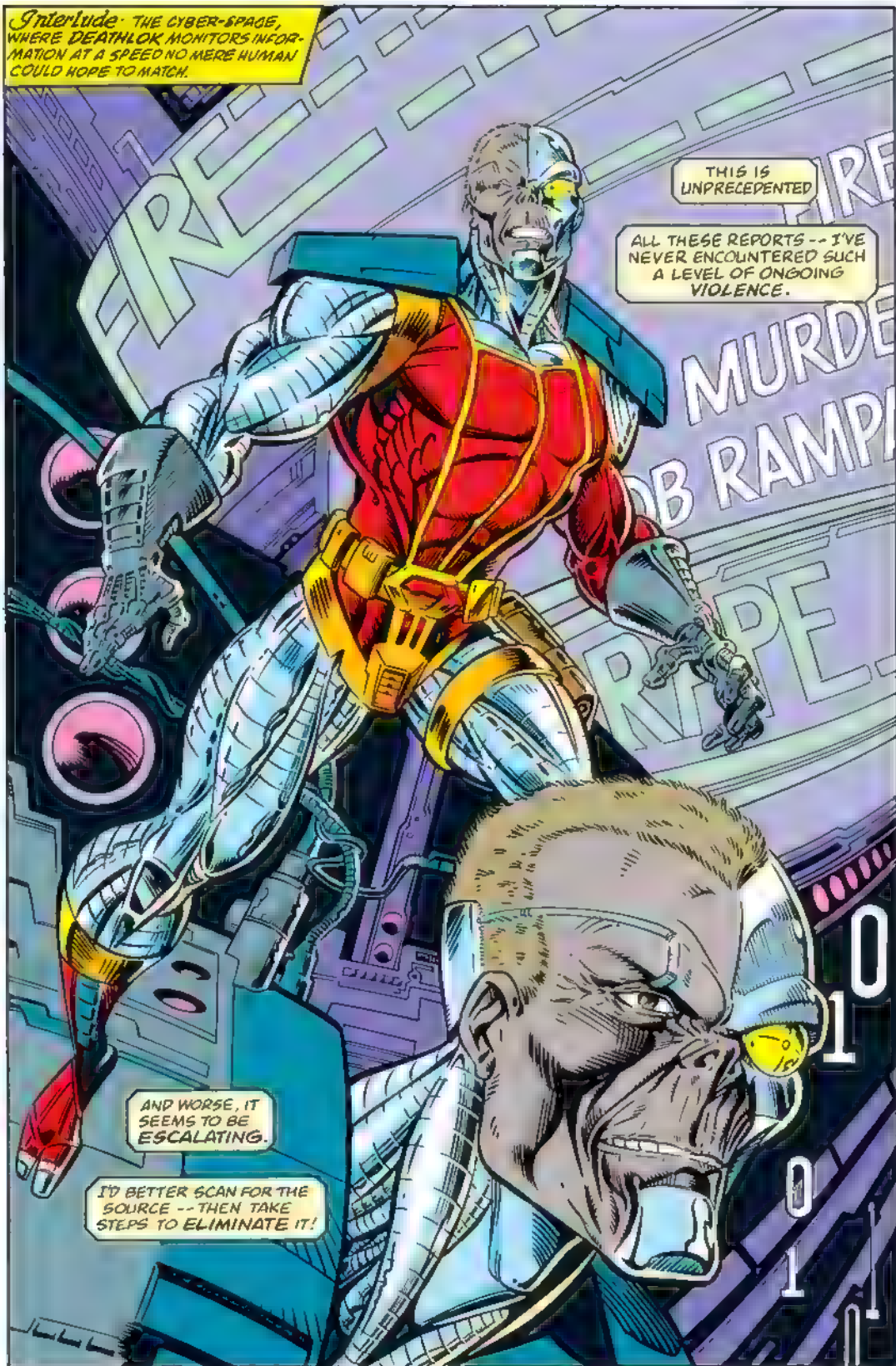
*Interlude: THE CYBER-SPACE,
WHERE DEATHLOK MONITORS INFOR-
MATION AT A SPEED NO MERE HUMAN
COULD HOPE TO MATCH.*

THIS IS
UNPRECEDENTED

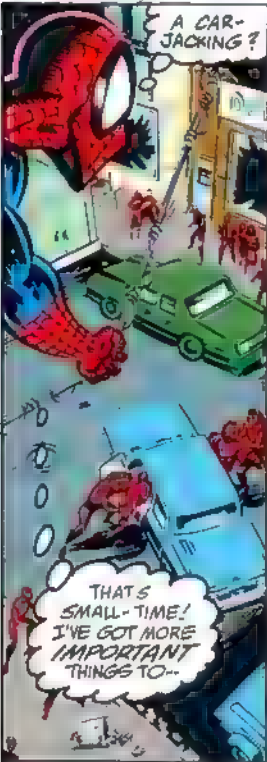
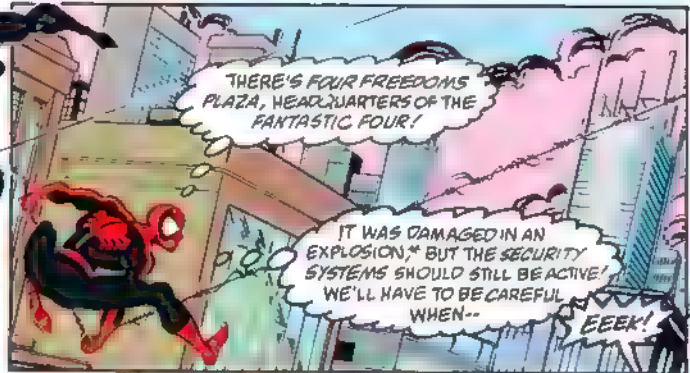
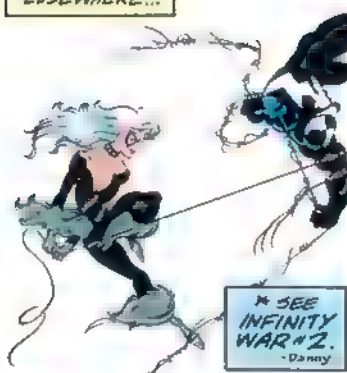
ALL THESE REPORTS -- I'VE
NEVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH
A LEVEL OF ONGOING
VIOLENCE.

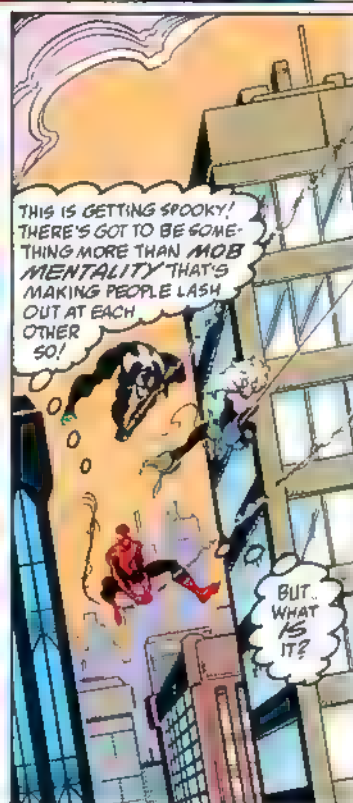
AND WORSE, IT
SEEMS TO BE
ESCALATING.

I'D BETTER SCAN FOR THE
SOURCE -- THEN TAKE
STEPS TO ELIMINATE IT!



ELSEWHERE...






WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S SPREADING WEST, WHERE SPIDER-MAN'S FATHER AND AUNT WALK THE ONCE-HOSPITABLE STREETS OF FOREST HILLS.

WE'D BETTER HURRY HOME, MAY.




I JUST WISH YOU'D LISTENED TO ME, WAITED TILL NEXT WEEK TO DEPOSIT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK!

I... I HAVE BEEN LISTENING, RICHARD.



IN FACT, I OVERHEARD WHAT YOU SAID TO PETER, ABOUT HITTING BACK, NOT TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK!

AND I DON'T LIKE IT! PEOPLE ARE GOOD, IF YOU JUST GIVE THEM A CHANCE! I DON'T WANT YOU FILLING PETER'S HEAD WITH ALL THAT--



THE GUY ON TV-- THAT CARNAGE FELLA-- HE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW!

UH, 'SCUSE US, PAL, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE WAY.



I WORKED IN A TINY CUBICLE EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR TWELVE YEARS, AND ALL IT GOT ME WAS EYE-STRAIN AND A LAY-OFF NOTICE!

MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR CHAOS!



TIME TO TAKE WHAT YOU WANT!

RICHARD--!



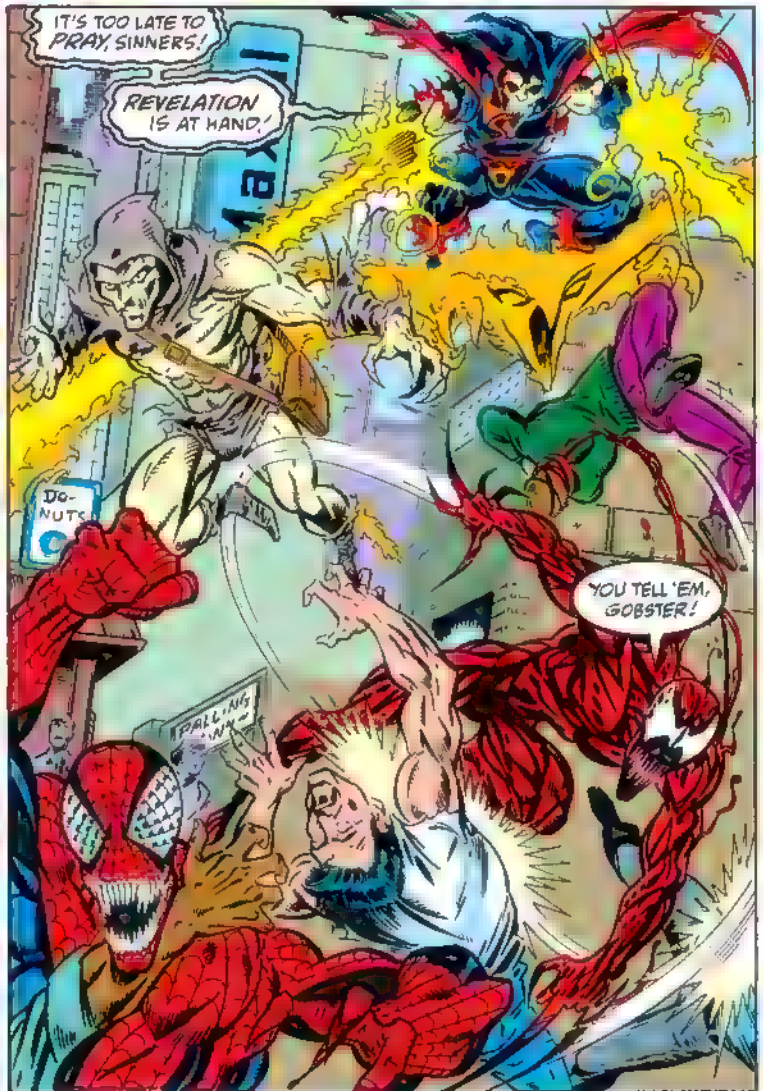
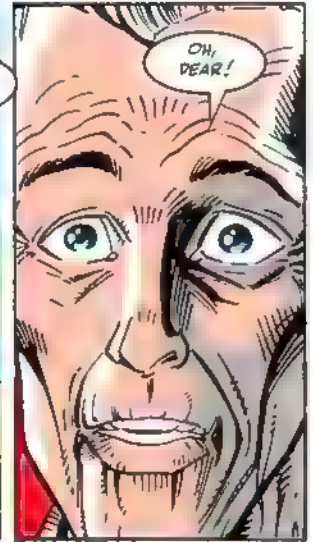
GIMME THAT PURSE, YA OLD BAG!

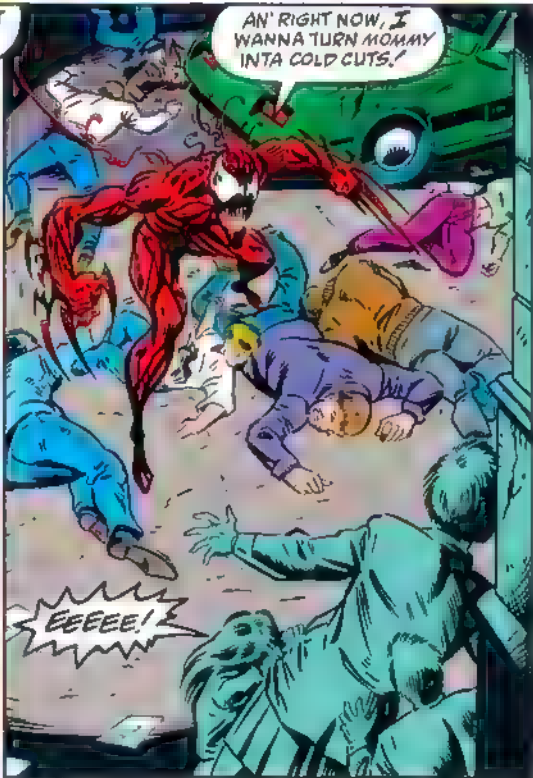
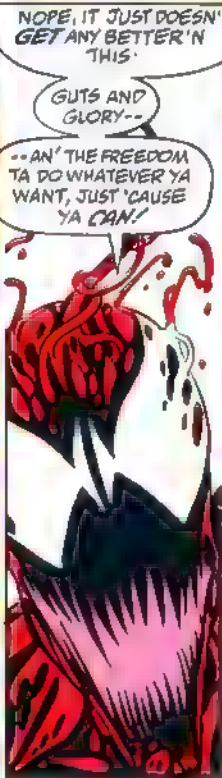
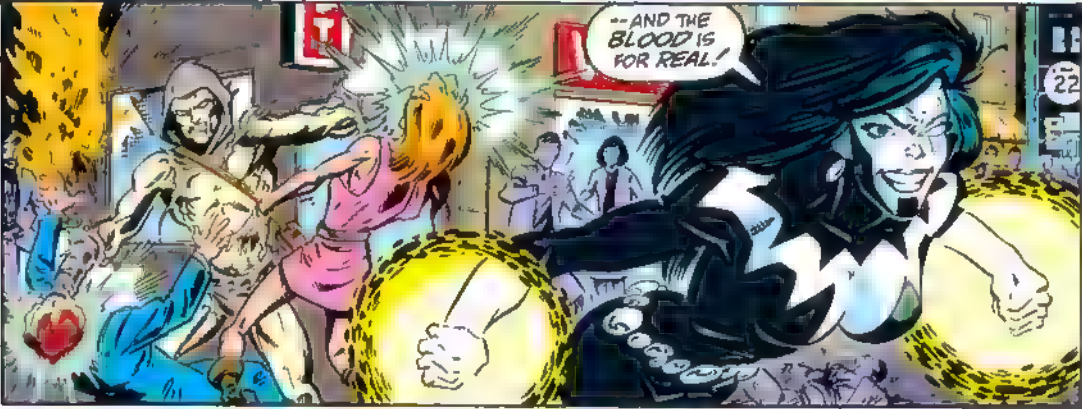
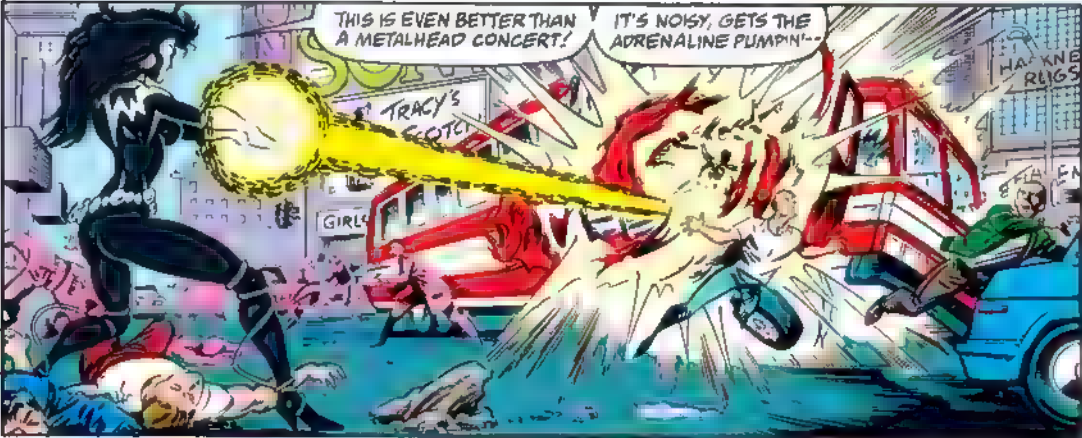
OR YOU'LL SEE WHAT "CARNAGE" REALLY MEANS!

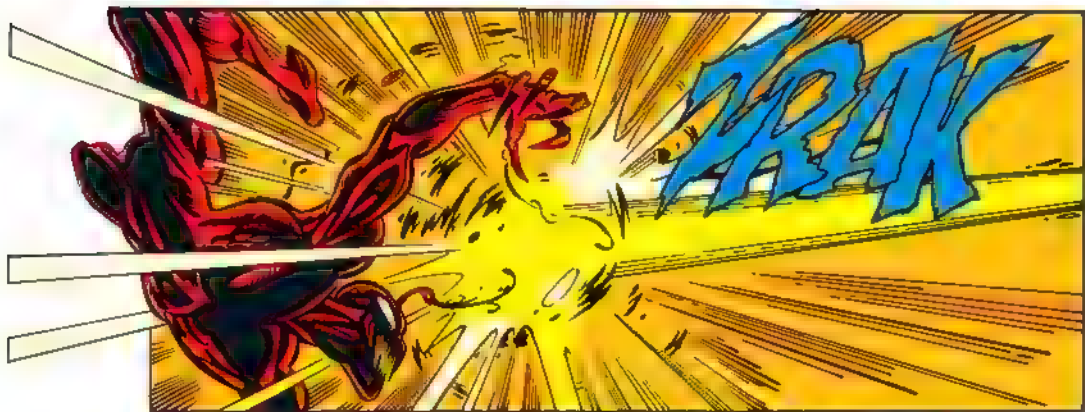


I SAID GIVE IT TO ME!



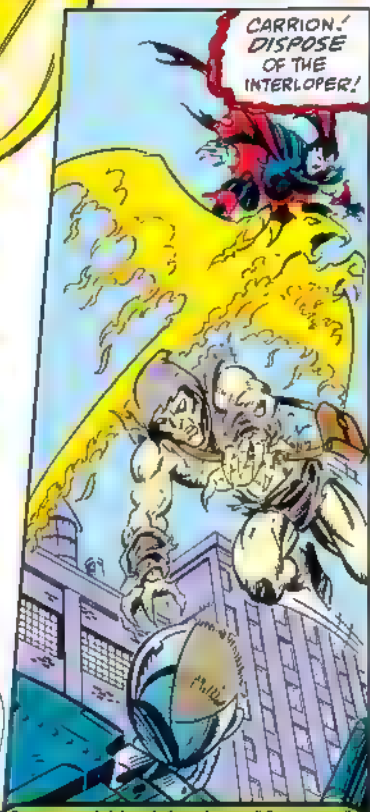
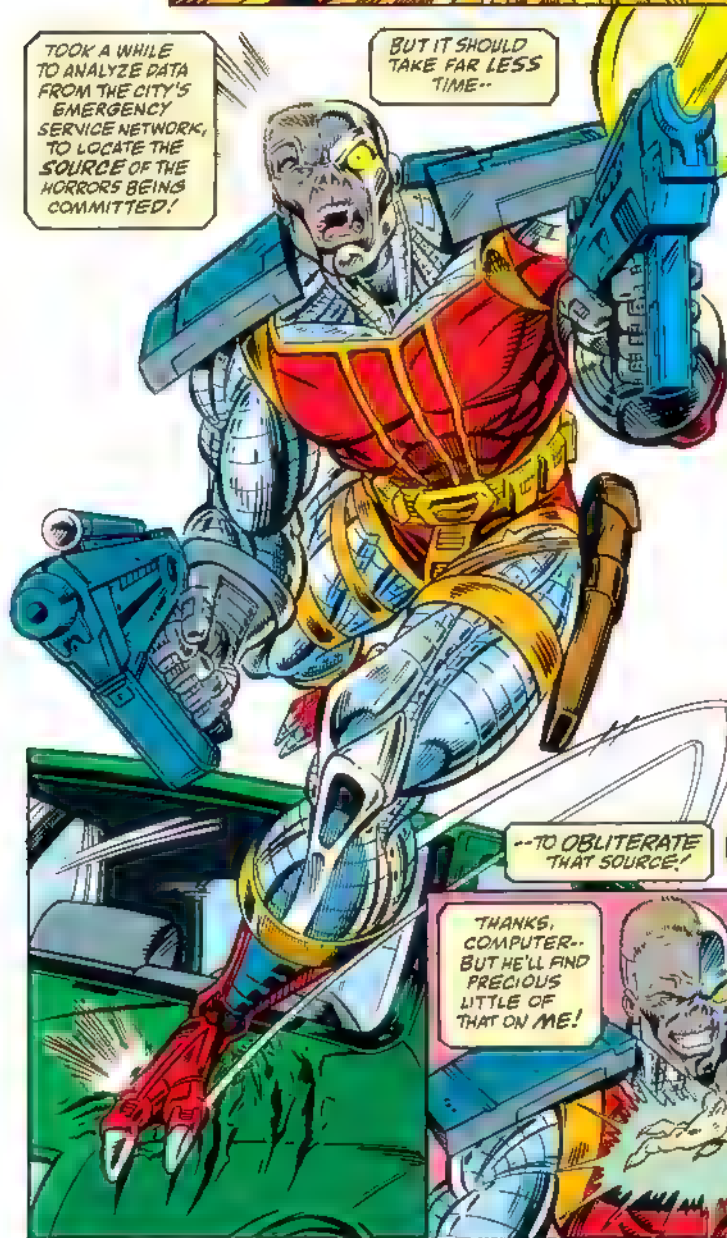






TOOK A WHILE
TO ANALYZE DATA
FROM THE CITY'S
EMERGENCY
SERVICE NETWORK,
TO LOCATE THE
SOURCE OF THE
HORRORS BEING
COMMITTED!

BUT IT SHOULD
TAKE FAR LESS
TIME--

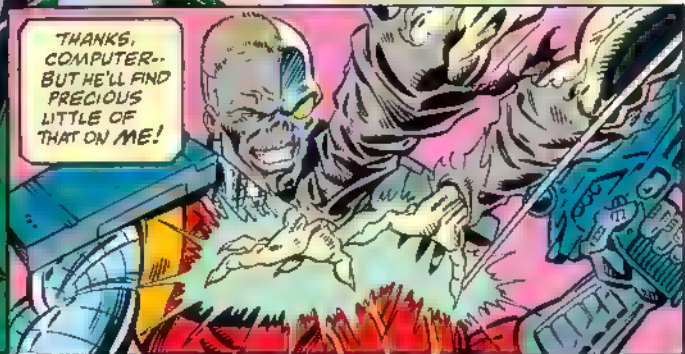


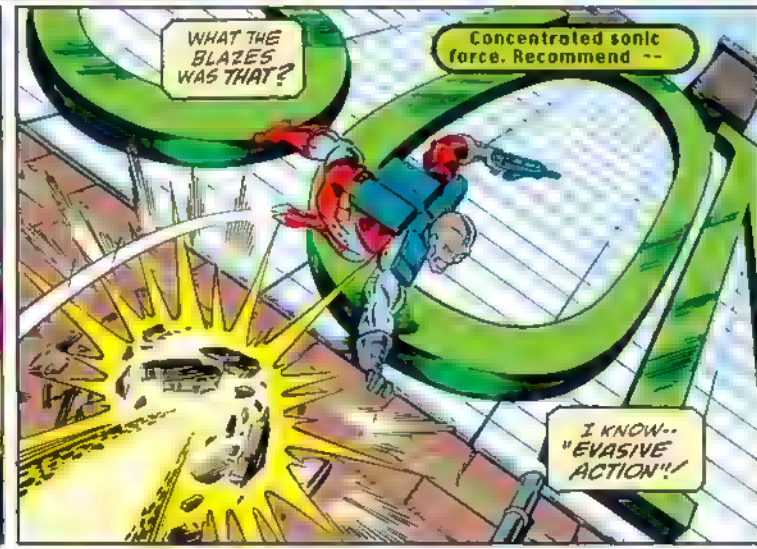
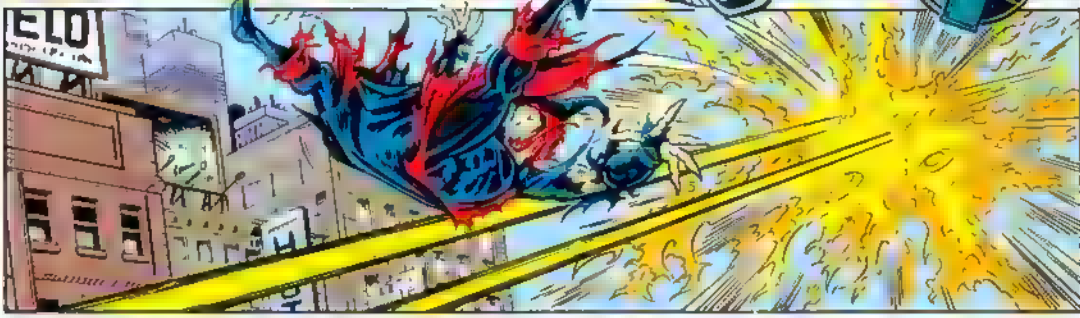
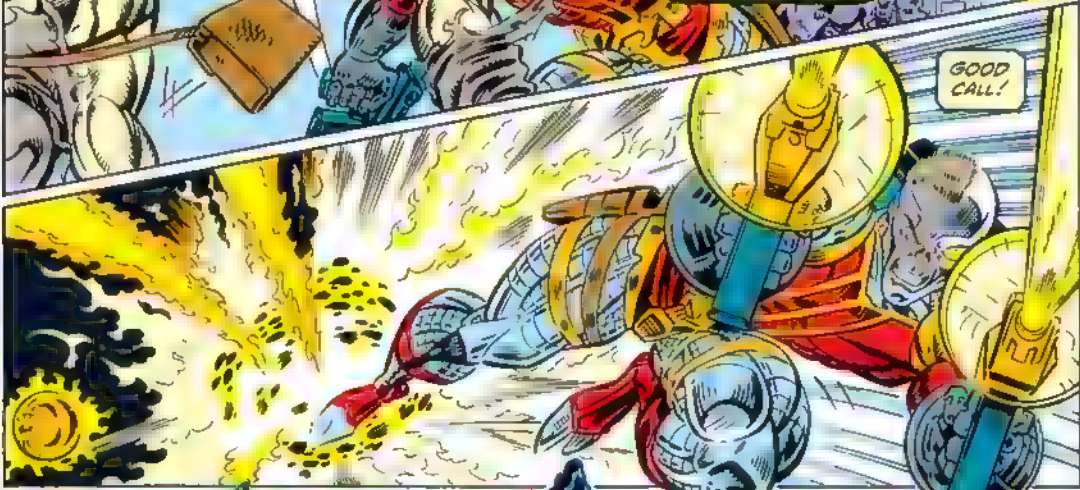
CARRION!
DISPOSE
OF THE
INTERLOPER!

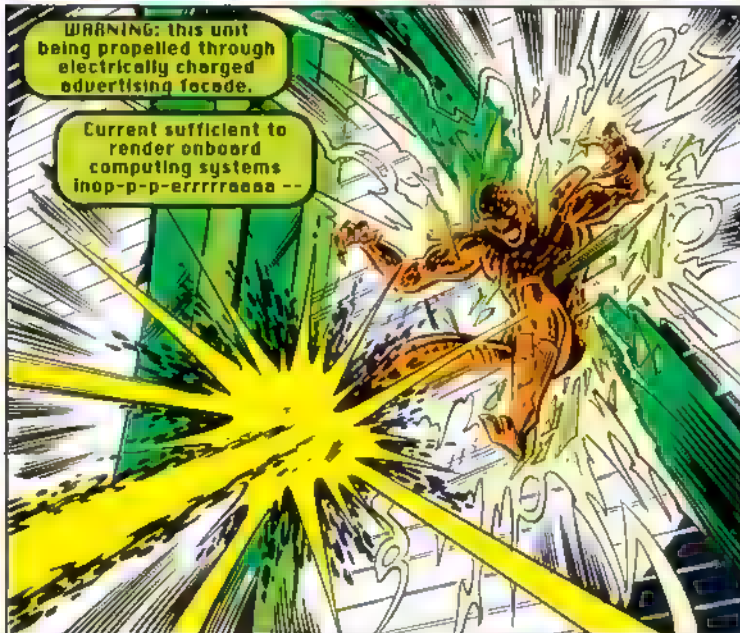
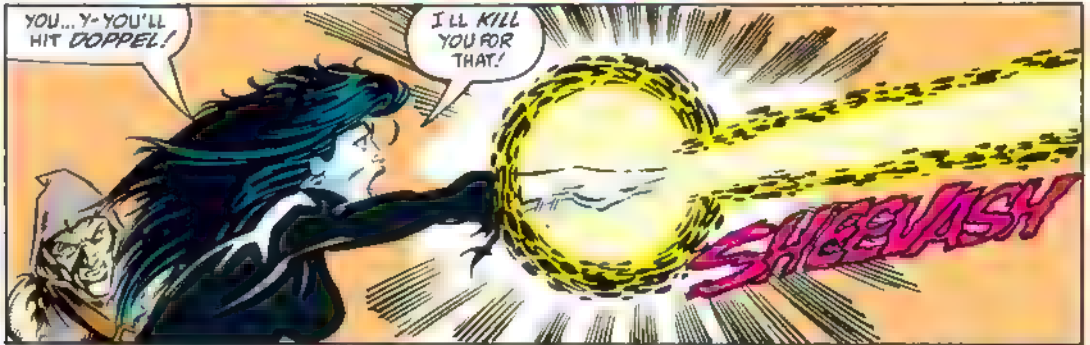
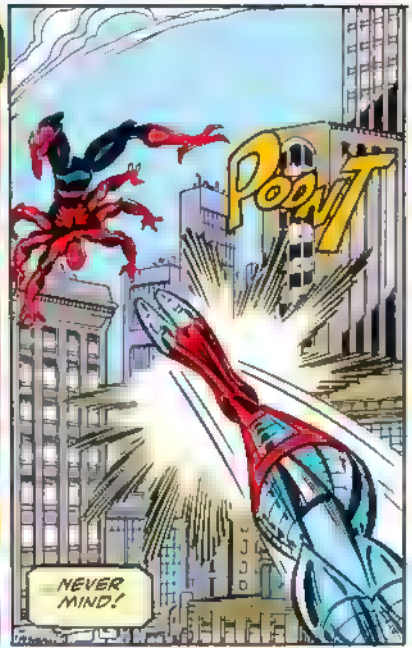
--TO OBLITERATE
THAT SOURCE!

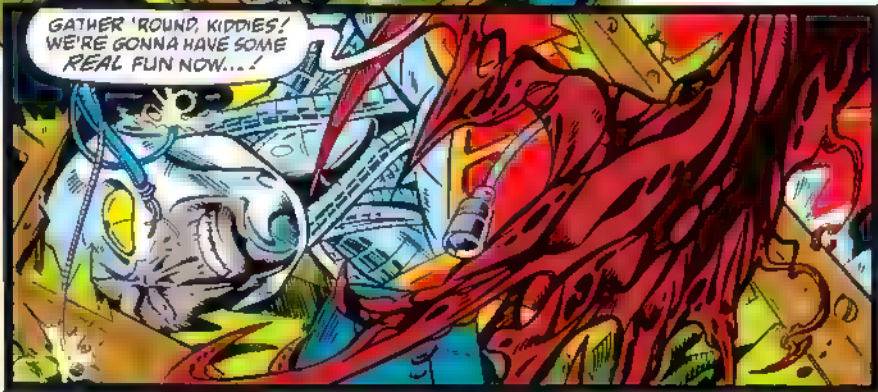
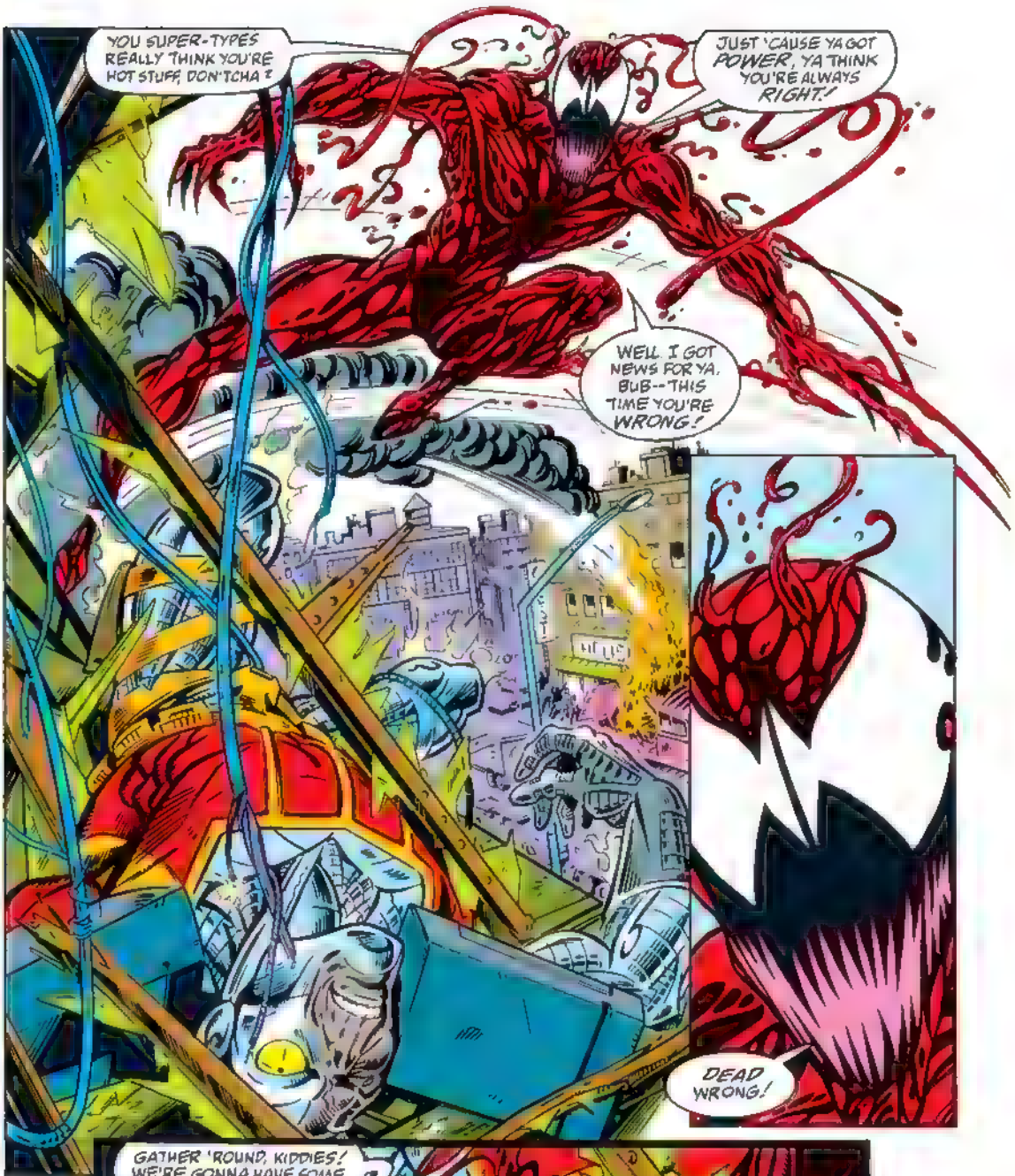
Opponent identification: "Carrion."
Subject's touch decays organic
matter, including flesh.

THANKS,
COMPUTER--
BUT HE'LL FIND
PRECIOUS
LITTLE
OF
THAT ON ME!

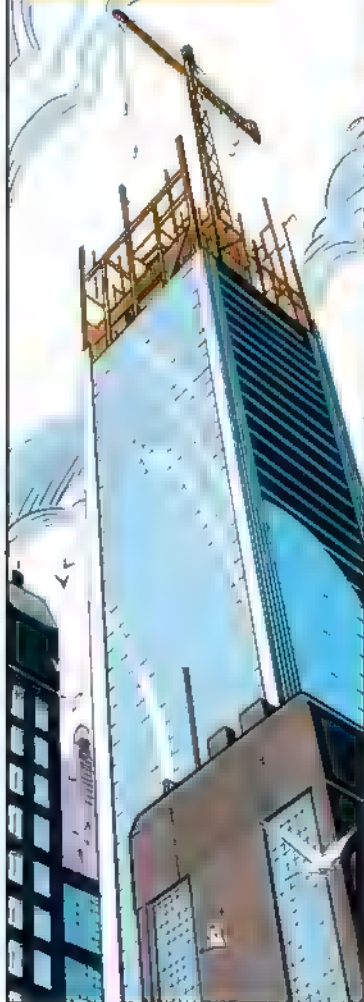








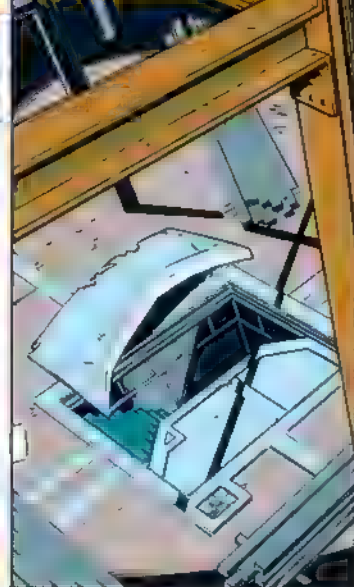
*BUT AT THE DAMAGED
SKYSCRAPER KNOWN AS
FOUR FREEDOMS
PLAZA, FUNTIME'S
ALREADY IN PROGRESS!*



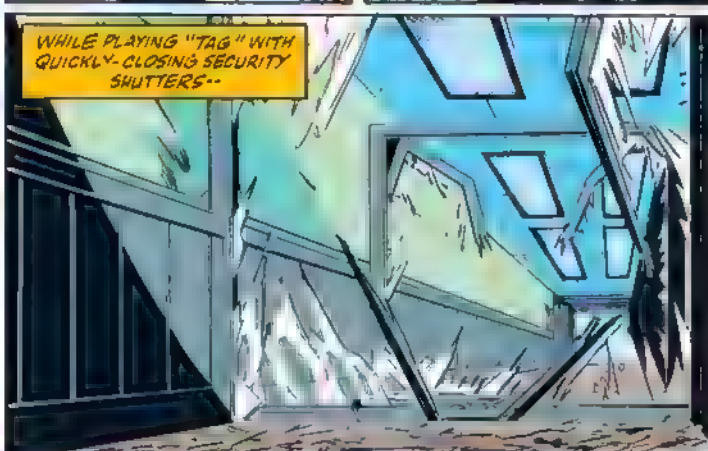
*"OLLIE-OLLIE-OXEN-FREE"
HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY
A PRECISE PUNCH TO PERIMETER
ALARM CONTROLS--*



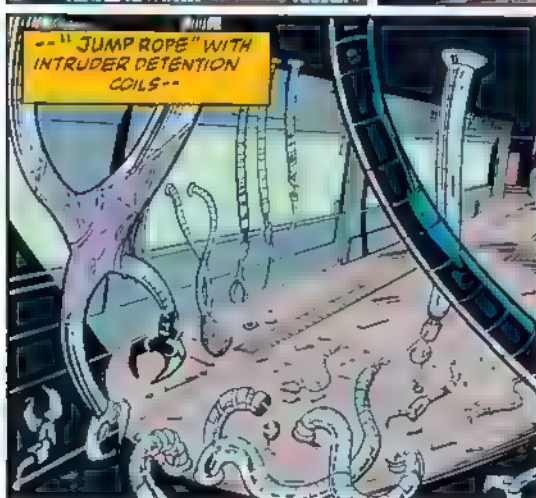
*-- AND A SWIFT KICK TO A
MAINTENANCE ACCESS
DOOR!*



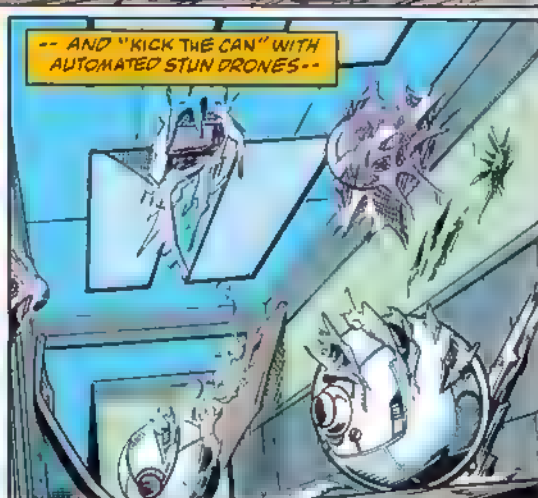
*WHILE PLAYING "TAG" WITH
QUICKLY-CLOSING SECURITY
SHUTTERS--*

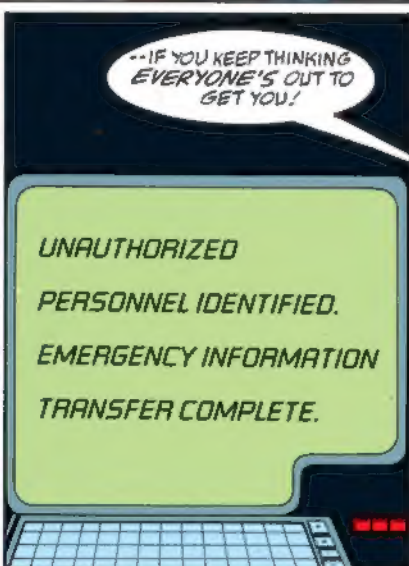
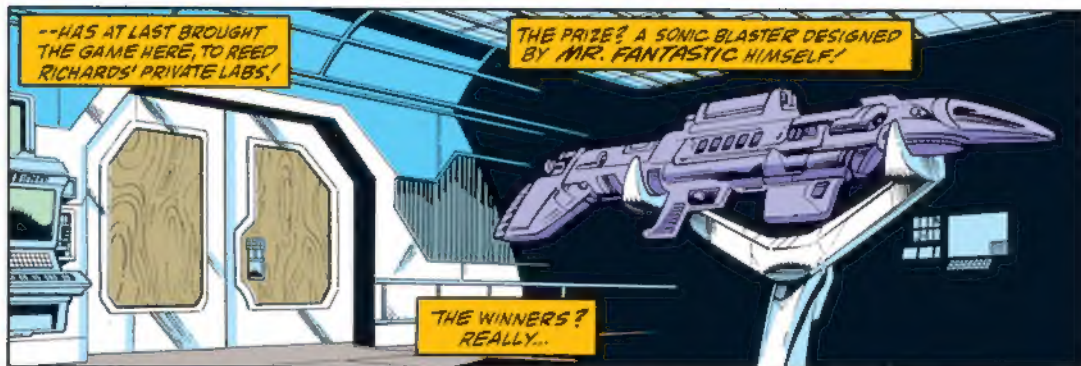


*-- "JUMP ROPE" WITH
INTRUDER DETENTION
COILS--*



*-- AND "KICK THE CAN" WITH
AUTOMATED STUN DRONES--*







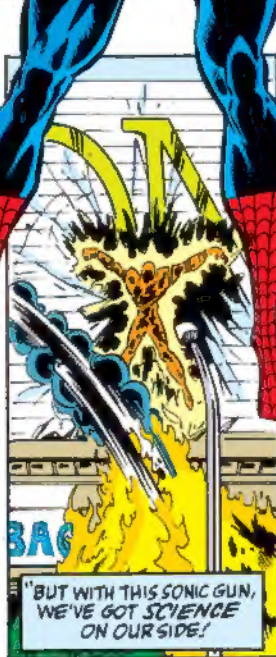


BUT AGAINST CARNAGE,
SHRIEK AND THE REST...
DO YOU THINK EVEN
WE'LL STAND A
CHANCE?

I DO
NOW!



"ALL KASADY'S
GANG HAVE GOING
FOR THEM IS
SAVAGERY AND
BLOODLUST--THE
EMOTIONS OF
PRIMITIVE MAN!"



"BUT WITH THIS SONIC GUN,
WE'VE GOT SCIENCE
ON OUR SIDE!"



"AND ONCE CARNAGE AND
HIS BAND OF ANIMALS HAVE
TO FACE THE CUTTING EDGE
OF TECHNOLOGY--"



"--THEY'RE AS GOOD
AS WHIPPED!"



WELL LET'S
AKE A LOOK
RED LINE IS
ENCO'S BRA
ERWHELMING
OR LAD'S C
HIMSEL